

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
March 9, 2010

The Alcona Township regular board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall.

Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roger Carlin, Clerk Dawn LaLonde, Treasurer Tina Gauthier, Trustees Marlena MacNeill and Jim Mead.

The clerk's minutes of the previous meeting were approved and filed.

The Treasurer's report was approved and filed

Motion by MacNeill, seconded by Mead, to pay bills as presented. PASSED

Supervisor Carlin will remind the township assessor that mileage detail has to be included on her pay voucher.

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Gauthier, to adjourn the regular meeting and open the budget hearing. PASSED

Copies of the budget were on display. Questions concerning the township pension plan were asked. It was explained that participants in the pension do not get social security paid in by the township. The line item "investments" will be eliminated in the future and fund balance line item will be added. This will hopefully make the budget easier to understand for board members as well as citizens.

Motion by Mead, seconded by MacNeill, to adopt budget as presented. PASSED

Motion by MacNeill, seconded by Gauthier, to include the Truth in Taxation allowing the township to collect the maximum allowed by the Headlee Amendment. PASSED

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by MacNeill, to adjourn the budget hearing and re-open the regular meeting. PASSED

P.I.E.G. reported that their natural gas rate has been reduced by 9.02 cents to \$0.7914.

Trustee Mead will look into information received from Consumers Power concerning 2010 Energy Efficiency Incentives for township street lights as well as boiler tune-ups. He will report back to the board.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Gauthier, to re-appoint Marlena MacNeill to the planning committee for a 3-year term and Ann Brasier to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 2-year term. PASSED.

Motion by Mead, seconded by MacNeill, to approve resolution 01-10

ALCONA TOWNSHIP, ALCONA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-10

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Alcona Township wishes to provide fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the townships may provide fire protection, as authorized by Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Alcona Township, Alcona County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 3, 2010 election ballot:

Township of Alcona
Fire Millage Renewal

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Alcona Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .9968 mills per \$1,000 of taxable value by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 1 year - 2011 inclusive for fire protection raising an estimated \$122,085.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

Roll call vote on motion --Mead-Yes, MacNeill-Yes, Carlin-Yes, LaLonde-Yes, Gauthier-Yes

Motion by MacNeill, seconded by Mead, to approve resolution 02-10

ALCONA TOWNSHIP, ALCONA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-10

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Alcona Township wishes to provide road maintenance and road improvements; and

WHEREAS, the townships may provide road maintenance and road improvements, as authorized by Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Alcona Township, Alcona County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 3, 2010 election ballot:

Township of Alcona

Road Millage Renewal

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Alcona Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .9968 mills per \$1,000 of taxable value by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 2 years, 2010 through 2011 inclusive for road maintenance and road improvements raising an estimated \$122,085.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

Roll call vote on motion --Mead-Yes, MacNeill-Yes, Carlin-Yes, LaLonde-Yes, Gauthier-Yes

A letter was received stating the Alcona County Commissioners will not have a County Clean-up this year, but plan to have one in 2011.

Planning Chair, Doug Kuffert, reported that no planning meeting was held this month due to a lack of quorum.

Fire report on file.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Carlin, to send a letter of support to Agri-Valley Broadband in their hopes to receive grant money that would bring broadband to Northern Michigan. PASSED

An ad for lawn mowing bids will be placed in the paper by Clerk LaLonde.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by MacNeill to approve the reviewed and reaffirmed poverty exemption guidelines. PASSED.

Supervisor Carlin will attend an informational meeting sponsored by Huron Pines Conservation District concerning invasive phragmites that are present in Alcona Township.

Trustee MacNeill informed the board that the access site at East Bay is in poor condition. Vehicles driving onto the ice have made ruts in the grass as well as the lake approach. People use this site to ice fish and the township does not want to discourage this sport. Supervisor Carlin encouraged board members to look at the site and try to come up with a solution.

Clerk LaLonde asked that all March bills and payroll vouchers be turned in by March 24 so they can be paid out of this fiscal year.

The Help America Vote Act may have extra grant money that would allow township clerks to purchase laptop computers. These computers would be used to check in voters at the polls. Clerk LaLonde will apply for one.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk